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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

September 20, 2001

Mr. Vernon Williams Secretary Surface Transportation Board 1925 K Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20423

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed for recording with the Surface Transportation Board is a Partial Termination of Security Agreement dated 8/21/01 between the following parties:

Secured Party: Fleet National Bank

100 Federal Street Boston, MA 02110

Debtor:

Helm Financial Corporation Helm Holding Corporation

Helm Locomotive Leasing Corporation

One Embarcadero Center San Francisco, CA 94111

Equipment:

1, Open-top Hopper AKMX 18190

Please record this agreement as a secondary document to STB Recordation #23168. The filing fee of \$28 is enclosed.

<u>Summary</u>: Partial Termination of Security Agreement dated 8/21/01 between Fleet National Bank as Secured Party and the following Debtors: Helm Financial Corporation, Helm Holding Corporation, and Helm Locomotive Leasing Corporation, including AKMX 18190.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Oster

Research Consultant

Enclosure

PARTIAL TERMINATION OF SECURITY AGREEMENT

THIS PARTIAL TERMINATION OF SECURITY AGREEMENT ("Partial Termination") is dated as of August 21, 2001, by FLEET NATIONAL BANK, a national banking association ("Fleet") as the Agent for the Lenders (as defined in the Credit Agreement described below), for the benefit of HELM HOLDING CORPORATION, a California corporation, HELM FINANCIAL CORPORATION, a California corporation and HELM LOCOMOTIVE LEASING CORPORATION, a California corporation (collectively, "Helm").

1. Recitals. Helm owns the rail equipment bearing the Association of American Railroad reporting mark and number as described in Exhibit A attached hereto (the "Unit"). Helm has granted a blanket security interest in all of its assets now owned or hereafter acquired (the "Collateral"), to Fleet upon the terms and conditions provided in that certain Security Agreement dated as of October 18, 2000, between Helm and Fleet (the "Security Agreement") as filed with the Surface Transportation Board of the Department of Transportation ("STB") on October 18, 2000 at 2:43 P.M. under Recordation No. 23168. The Security Agreement was executed in connection with that certain Revolving Credit and Term Loan Agreement dated as of October 18, 2000, among the Borrowers, Lenders and Agent as defined therein (the "Credit Agreement").

Helm intends to sell the Unit to a third party and desires that such sale shall be free and clear of any lien or security interest of Fleet. Helm requests Fleet's consent to such sale of the Unit and requests Fleet to terminate its lien and security interest in the Unit.

2. <u>Consent & Partial Termination</u>. Fleet hereby consents to the sale of the Unit by Helm. Fleet hereby forever terminates any and all liens and security interests in the Units granted to it under the Security Agreement. Such liens and security interests in the Units shall be forever terminated upon the filing of this Partial Termination with the STB, at which time all of Fleet's right, title and interest in and to the Unit shall be null and void.

This Partial Termination shall have no effect on Fleet's lien and security interest in any other Collateral other than the Unit and said lien and security interest in such other Collateral is hereby reaffirmed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, pursuant to due authority, Fleet has executed this Partial Termination of Security Agreement as of the date first above written.

FLEET NATIONAL BANK, as Agent

| [ts: | ROBERT S. ALLEN GROUP MANAGER | RECORDATION NO. 23168-CC FRED |
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| FLEET NATIONAL BANK | |
| <pre>personally known to me -OR-</pre> | |
| proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence | |
| to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument. | |
| Witness my hand and official seal. | |
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EXHIBIT A

to the Partial Termination of Security Agreement dated as of August 21, 2001

The "Unit"

Description of the Unit:

One (1), 3350 cubic foot, 4-pocket, open top hopper railcars built by Bethlehem Steel after June 30, 1974.

Reporting Mark and Number

AKMX 18190